

Application No. 3771.01US02

REMARKS

Claims 1-14, 16-21, and 23 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 13 and 20 are canceled and claims 10, 16, 17, and 23 are amended.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 10-12, 14, 17-19, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Emmerling (U.S. Patent No. 4,317,439). These rejections are dealt with as indicated below.

Allowable Claims

Claims 1-9 were indicated to be allowable. Claims 13, 16, 20, and 23 were indicated to be allowable if amended to include the limitations of the base claim and the intervening claims. Responsive thereto, claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 13. Claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 10 in its form prior to the present amendment. Claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 20. And, claim 23 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 17 in its form prior to the present amendment. Accordingly, it is requested that the noted objections be withdrawn for the above noted claims and all claims depending therefrom.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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